

Other Worlds

Module Information

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Summary Information

Module Code	6133ENGL	
Formal Module Title	Other Worlds	
Owning School	Humanities and Social Science	
Career	Indergraduate	
Credits	20	
Academic level	FHEQ Level 6	
Grading Schema	40	

Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery	
Humanities and Social Science	

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Lecture	11
Seminar	22
Tutorial	2

Module Offering(s)

Display Name	Location	Start Month	Duration Number Duration Unit
JAN-MTP	MTP	January	12 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	 Introduce students to a variety of writings that envision fictional worlds or respond to changing conceptions of the world through real and imaginary journeys. Enable students to be conversant with a range of recent historical, critical and theoretical approaches to utopian fictions, travel writing, natural philosophy and the birth of scientific method in the early modern period. Expand students' knowledge and understanding of the historical, cultural and social conditions in which texts were produced and read. Develop students' knowledge and understanding of attitudes to race, gender, and identity.

After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	understand how geopolitical locales – both real and imagined – influence how texts are composed and consumed.
MLO2	2	know the significance of historical perspectives in interpreting literature and how culture both shapes and is shaped by literary texts.
MLO3	3	read and interpret text to an advanced level, applying relevant theoretical and critical approaches.

Module Content

Outline Syllabus	[Indicative only]
	Thomas Nashe, The Unfortunate Traveller Selections from Humphrey Llwyd, The Breviary of Britain Edmund Spenser, The View of the present state of Ireland Selections from Richard Hakulyt, Voyages and Discoveries Selections from Gulbadan Begam, Humayunnama Francis Bacon, New Atlantis Phillip Massinger, The Renagado William Davenant, The Cruelty of the Spaniards in Peru Selections from Thomas Coryate, Crudities Margaret Cavendish, The Blazing World Aphra Behn, The Emperor of the Moon Jonathan Swift, Gulliver's Travels Mary Wortley Montagu, Turkish Embassy Letters Ouladah Equiano, The Interesting Narrative
Module Overview	
Additional Information	This module studies English literature from the late sixteenth century through the eighteenth century to examine how ways of understanding the world influenced the writing of canonical and non-canonical texts. Imaginative writing and natural philosophy both sought to understand the world and the wider universe. This period witnessed radical developments in how the world was plotted and traversed, and the Copernican Revolution changed the planetary order of the universe; the reordering of the cosmos allowed the possibility of voyages to other inhabited worlds and also raised questions regarding religion and the salvation of aliens. Running parallel to these imagined worlds, migration was forced on those sold into slavery and the Grand Tour furthered a gentleman's education. Students will deepen their understanding of travel writing, early science fiction, the reception and representation of piracy, early colonialism, and approaches to race and slavery.

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Essay	critical analysis 1500	40	0	MLO2, MLO3
Essay	2500 word essay	60	0	MLO1, MLO2, MLO3

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Rachel Willie	Yes	N/A

Partner Module Team

Contact Name	A	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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